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**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1           1. (Currently amended)   An apparatus, comprising:

2           a control component that comprises an interface usable by an administrator to  
3           designate one or more tones and one or more announcements that are playable in a  
4           communication session as interruptible, wherein the one or more tones designated as  
5           interruptible are not limited to dial tone information streams.

1           2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the administrator employs the  
2           interface to dynamically designate a tone as interruptible, wherein the tone is playable  
3           at a communication device;

4           wherein the control component stops playing the tone at the communication  
5           device without playing the tone to completion upon receipt of an interruption request  
6           from a user of the communication device.

1           3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the administrator comprises a  
2           service provider associated with the communication device;

3           wherein the service provider may customize a tone and/or announcement service  
4           for the communication device by employing the interface to designate the one or more  
5           tones and/or the one or more announcements as interruptible and one or more other  
6           tones and/or one or more other announcements as not interruptible.

1           4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the user presses a button on the  
2           communication device to initiate an interruption of the tone;

3           wherein the control component interprets the button press as the interruption

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4 request, wherein the control component stops playing the tone at the communication  
5 device based on the button press.

1 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the control component plays the  
2 tone at the communication device in a communication session;

3 wherein the user of the communication device sends the interruption request to  
4 the control component to skip a remainder of the tone and progress to a next phase in  
5 the communication session;

6 wherein upon receipt of the interruption request, the control component moves to  
7 the next phase in the communication session.

1 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the control component comprises  
2 a mobile switching center.

1 7. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising a  
2 configuration database that stores one or more indications associated with the one or  
3 more tones and the one or more announcements that are designated by the  
4 administrator as interruptible.

1 8. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the administrator  
2 employs the interface to set the one or more indications in the configuration database to  
3 represent that the one or more tones and the one or more announcements are  
4 interruptible.

1 9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein upon receipt of an instruction to

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2 play a tone at a communication device, the mobile switching center accesses the  
3 configuration database to determine whether the tone is indicated as interruptible or not  
4 interruptible;

5 wherein the mobile switching center plays the tone at the communication device.

1 10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein upon receipt of an interruption  
2 request from a user of the communication device, the mobile switching center stops  
3 playing the tone at the communication device if the tone is indicated as interruptible;

4 wherein upon receipt of the interruption request from the user of the  
5 communication device, the mobile switching center continues playing the tone at the  
6 communication device if the tone is indicated as not interruptible.

1 11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the mobile switching center  
2 comprises the interface to allow the administrator to update one or more of the one or  
3 more indications from a representation of interruptible to a representation of not  
4 interruptible.

1 12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the control component allows  
2 the administrator to set a designation of a tone as interruptible, wherein the control  
3 component allows the administrator to change the designation of the tone to prevent  
4 interruption of the tone.

1 13. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the one or more  
2 tones and the one or more announcements that are playable in the communication  
3 session comprise audible signals in a telephone call.

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1 14. (Currently amended) A method, comprising the step of:

2 interfacing an administrator with a configuration database to allow the  
3 administrator to designate in the configuration database one or more tones and one or  
4 more announcements that are playable in a communication session as interruptible,  
5 wherein the one or more tones designated as interruptible are not limited to dial tone  
6 information streams.

1 15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the administrator  
2 comprises a service provider associated with a communication device, and wherein the  
3 step of interfacing the administrator with the configuration database to allow the  
4 administrator to designate in the configuration database the one or more tones and the  
5 one or more announcements that are playable in the communication session as  
6 interruptible further comprises the steps of:

7 allowing the service provider to modify the configuration database to customize a  
8 tone and/or announcement service for the communication device; and

9 allowing access to the configuration database for the service provider to  
10 designate the one or more tones and/or the one or more announcements as  
11 interruptible and one or more other tones and/or one or more other announcements as  
12 not interruptible.

1 16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the administrator dynamically  
2 designates a tone of the one or more tones as interruptible, wherein the tone comprises  
3 an audible signal in a telephone call, the method further comprising the steps of:

4 playing the tone at the communication device; and

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5 stopping the playing of the tone at the communication device before completion  
6 of the tone upon receipt of an interruption request from a user of the communication  
7 device.

1 17. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of:  
2 accessing the configuration database, upon receipt of an instruction to play a  
3 tone at a communication device, to determine whether the tone is indicated in the  
4 configuration database as interruptible or not interruptible; and  
5 playing the tone at the communication device.

1 18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the steps of:  
2 stopping the playing of the tone at the communication device upon receipt of an  
3 interruption request from a user of the communication device if the tone is indicated as  
4 interruptible; and  
5 continuing to play the tone at the communication device upon receipt of the  
6 interruption request from the user of the communication device if the tone is indicated  
7 as not interruptible.

1 19. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of:  
2 interfacing the administrator with the configuration database to allow the  
3 administrator access to the configuration database for an update of a designation of one  
4 or more of the one or more tones and/or the one or more announcements from a  
5 representation of interruptible to a representation of not interruptible; and  
6 preventing an interruption of the one or more of the one or more tones and/or the  
7 one or more announcements with the representation of not interruptible.

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1        20. (Currently amended) An article, comprising:  
2        one or more computer-readable signal-bearing media; and  
3        means in the one or more media for interfacing an administrator with a  
4        configuration database to allow the administrator to designate in the configuration  
5        database one or more tones and one or more announcements that are playable in a  
6        communication session as interruptible, wherein the one or more tones designated as  
7        interruptible are not limited to dial tone information streams.

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